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in the Ministry of Agriculture in Riga.

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- c. Kovalchuk, a non-Latvian, was Minister of Internal Affairs from March until June 1953.³ In Latvia, it is commonly believed that Kovalchuk was dismissed because he made no progress in destroying the national underground movement and because he had been associated with Lavrentiy P. Beriia.⁴
- d. I. D. Zujans, a Latvian who succeeded Kovalchuk as Minister of Internal Affairs in June 1953 [redacted] He was formerly employed in the KGB in Riga, and was chief of the security troops at Abrene in 1946.
- e. Veveris, a Russo-Latvian, was appointed chairman of the newly-formed KGB in the spring of 1954.⁵

[redacted] COMMENTS.

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- 1. Although the State Loan was reduced shortly after Stalin's death, it was restored to its former level in 1955. However, these temporary reductions, as well as the other ameliorative measures [redacted] were not confined to the Latvian SSR; they were effected throughout the Soviet Union.
- 2. According to information from the Soviet press, Eglitis's first name and patronymic are Avgust Petrovich.
- 3. [Nikolay Kuzmich] Kovalchuk had previously held several important State Security posts elsewhere than in the Latvian SSR.
- 4. It is unlikely that any organized underground movement existed in the Latvian SSR as of 1953.
- 5. According to information from the Soviet press, Veveris's first name and patronymic are Jan Janovich.

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